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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE BECHTEL COMPANY INTEREST IN  
NUCLEAR POWER PLANT CONSTRUCTION IN IRAN

1. MR. J.J. ZAND, CHAIRMAN OF CASPIAN TRADING COMPANY, COLUMBUS, OHIO, AND DIESEL POWER TRADING COMPANY, LTD., TEHRAN, WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO THIS EMBASSY FOR MANY YEARS, RECENTLY MET WITH PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF THE BECHTEL COMPANY BUILDING NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS IN IRAN. IN RESPONSE TO ZNAD'S OBSERVATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THERE WAS SOME OPINION IN TEHRAN THAT THE GOI WAS NOT REALLY INTERESTED IN OBTAINING NUCLEAR PLANTS FROM THE US, THE PM REPLIED THAT THIS WAS DEFINITELY NOT REPEAT NOT THE CASE. WHEN MR. ZAND NOTED THAT IT WOULD TAKE THREE MONTHS AND \$500,000 FOR BECHTEL TO PUT TOGETHER A PROPOSAL FOR PRESENTATION TO THE GOI, THE PM REPLIED "TRY DOING IT IN ONE MONTH FOR \$200,000." MR. ZAND DESCRIBED THE PM AS BEING VERY INTERESTED IN RECEIVING A BECHTEL PROPOSAL AND IN FACT URGED ZAND TO DO HIS BEST TO CONVINCE BECHTEL TO COME FORWARD WITH A PROPOSAL.

2. ZAND SAID THAT SOME CONVINCING OF BECHTEL WILL BE  
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REQUIRED AS THE AMERICAN COMPANY HAD A DISAGREEABLE

BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP OVER A YEAR AGO WITH AN UNETHICAL  
IRANIAN PARTNER IN ANOTHER VENTURE. IN ANY EVENT, MR.  
ZAND IS PROCEEDING IMMEDIATELY TO SAN FRANCISCO TO LAY  
THE MATTER BEFORE SENIOR OFFICERS OF BECHTEL. ASSUMING  
THAT HE IS SUCCESSFUL IN PERSUADING BECHTEL TO PUT  
TOGETHER A PROPOSAL (AND HE IS OPTIMISTIC ON THIS SCORE),  
A BECHTEL TEAM WOULD THEN COME TO IRAN WITHIN ONE-TWO  
MONTHS TO MAKE A PRESENTATION DIRECTLY TO PRIME MINISTER  
HOVEYDA.  
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